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Environment Department to Hold Open House/Public Meetings on Open Burning and Smoke Management in Clayton and Clovis

(Santa Fe, NM) — (Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will hold Open House/Public Meetings on Open Burning and Smoke Management regulations in Clayton and Clovis this week. The events will be as follows:

Clayton: Wednesday, July 28, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Clayton Senior Citizens' Center, 19 East Broadway.

Clovis: Thursday, July 29, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Clovis-Carver Public Library, Ingram Room, 701 North Main Street.

The events will begin with a poster session followed by a presentation beginning at 6:30 pm.

The Open House/Public Meetings will provide the public with information on the newly revised Open Burning Regulation and the new Smoke Management Regulation, both of which became effective December 31, 2003.

Together these state air quality regulations cover most types of outdoor burning, including backyard burning of household trash, burning of weeds, slash, and crop stubble, and prescribed fires for forest and rangeland management. The new regulations apply equally to everyone, including farmers. These regulations were adopted to preserve the quality of air that all New Mexicans breathe and to protect our scenic views.

The new regulations and background information are posted on the Department's website at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb under "Open Burning Regulation" and "Smoke Management Program".

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